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TAGS: PINT, DR

SUBJECT: MPD EXPELS TWO ADVOCATES OF TERRORISM

1. MOVIMIENTO POPULAR DOMINICANO (MPD), DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S LARGEST AND MOST ACTIVE MARXIST-LENINIST POLITICAL PARTY, ANNOUNCED TUESDAY, FEB. 25, EXPULSION OF JORGE (E1 MEN) PUELLO AND DAVID ORNELIO ESPAILLAT. BOTH WERE LEADERS OF DISSIDENT FACTION OF MPD ADVOCATING USE OF VIOLENCE AS PARTY WEAPON AND BOTH HAD LONG SOUGHT TO TURN MPD TOWARD TERRORISM AND AWAY FROM CONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTY ACTION.

2. EXPULSION REPRESENTS FAILURE OF MPD TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES OF IDEOLOGY AND STRATEGY BETWEEN FACTIONS, AND CONSTITUTES FORMAL RECOGNITION OF SPLIT BETWEEN ADVOCATES OF VIOLENCE, TERRORISM AND CLANDESTINITY AND THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING LEGITIMACY OF PARTY'S ACTIVITIES. SCHISM CAME INTO OPEN LAST SPRING SHORTLY AFTER SUPREME COURT ORDERED RELEASE FROM PRISON, ON MAY 20, OF FIVE NATIONAL LEADERS: JULIO DE PENIA VALDEZ, MIGUEL ANTONIO BAEZ PEREZ, EDGARD ERICKSON PICHARDO, LUIS ELPIDIO SOSA RODRIGUEZ AND MOISES BLANCO GENAO. PREPARING PARTY FOR OPEN EXISTENCE, LEADERS HAD DIFFICULTY DISCIPLINING SOME OF ITS MORE VOLATILE MEMBERS. LAST SUMMER, SEVERAL MEMBERS WERE EXPELLED BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT MPD DISCIPLINE. IN
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SEPTEMBER, PUELLO AND ESPAILLAT WERE "SUSPENDED" FROM THE

MPD BUT CONTINUED THEIR APPEALS TO MPD MEMBERSHIP TO
RENOUNCE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP BOTH IN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND
POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

3. FORMALIZED SPLIT WILL PROBABLY LEAD TO FORMATION OF
NEW POLITICAL GROUPING, SINCE PUELLO AND ESPAILLAT ARE
KNOWN FOR RIGIDITY OF THEIR IDEOLOGY AND WOULD BE UNLIKELY
TO FIND EVEN AMONG PLETHORA OF RADICAL LEFTIST GROUPINGS
AN ASSOCIATION COMPLETELY MEETING THEIR REQUIREMENTS.
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